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Sir:

COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO FEBRUARY 23, 2004 OFFICE ACTION

This Communication is submitted in response to the February 23, 2004 Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the February 23, 2004 Office Action is due May 23, 2004, which is a Sunday. Accordingly, a response is due the next business day, i.e. Monday, May 24, 2004 and this Communication is being timely filed.

REMARKS

Claims 2, 5-14, 16, 26, 40, 49, 52-61, 63, 100-188 are pending in this application. The Examiner to whom this application has been assigned, rejected all pending claims in the February 23 Office Action. Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's position for the below reasons: